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Re: Los Feliz Village Business Improvement District

Dear Mr. Briggs:

On September 1, 2017, this office received a complaint alleging that your client, the Los Feliz Village Business Improvement District (BID), violated the Ralph M. Brown Open Meeting Act (Brown Act). Specifically, the complainant alleged that between May 17, 2017 and June 1, 2017, members of the BID's board of directors engaged in a series of via email communications discussing BID business. Because these discussions took place outside of duly noticed meetings, they allegedly occurred in violation of the Brown Act.

Initially, we note that our office received this complaint 91 days following the last email that allegedly violated the Brown Act. In order to commence an enforcement action, the district attorney or any interested party must first make a written demand to the legislative body to cure or correct the action alleged to have violated the Brown Act. This demand must occur within 90 days of the alleged violation. Government Code section 54960.1(b).

Here, because this office received the complaint more than 90 days after the alleged violation, there was no opportunity to issue the legally required demand that the BID either cure or correct its action. Because we are time-barred from taking action, we express no opinion whether or not the complaint is valid. However, we wish to take this opportunity to remind the BID that the Brown Act prohibits a majority of members of a legislative body from discussing its business or

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taking action outside duly noticed meetings. Government Code section 54953 et seq.

Thank you for bringing this matter to your client's attention. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

JACKIE LACEY
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By 

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